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Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein
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Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

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Ch. F. Heller

January 17, 2006

United States v. Nellie Agudelo-Piedrahita, et al.
(S2) 05 Cr. 708 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

This letter is to advise the Court that I have been retained to represent Ms. Agudelo-Piedrahita in connection with this matter, presently scheduled for February 3, 2006. I have been in contact with both counsel of record for Ms. Agudelo-Piedrahita and the government to advise of this development.

Accordingly, I ask the Court to permit me to enter the case at this time and to relieve Agudelo-Piedrahita's current attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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